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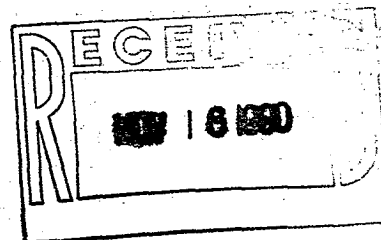
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Dear Dr. McAllister:

The Gordon Research Conference on Phagocytic Cells will be held from June 23-28, 1990 in Plymouth, New Hampshire. The conference, which I am organizing, will be held from June 23-28, 1991. Enclosed is a tentative program indicating the specific topics and speakers for this conference. During the past few years there has been rapid progress in our understanding of the molecular basis by which inflammatory cells such as polymorphonuclear leukocytes and mononuclear phagocytes effect host defense and the overall inflammatory process.

Molecules have been identified which regulate the differentiation and activation of these cells and the clinical applicability of cytokine and growth factor therapy for altering important human diseases have recently been demonstrated. There is an important need for the leading as well as younger researchers in this field to exchange their latest information in the highly productive format of the Gordon Research Conferences. We will have the best scientists from government, universities and industry from the United States and abroad gather to exchange information. The conferences are limited to 135 participants, so competition for acceptance to this conference will be at a high level.

I would like to ask for your assistance in helping us fund this important conference. This is not a government sponsored meeting and I am not writing as a government employee. To support the costs of the invited speakers, travel and registration fees, approximately \$32,000 will be required. Any amount that you can contribute to defray these expenses will be appreciated. This money will only support travel to and registration fees for the Gordon Research Conference itself and will be administered through the Gordon Conference Research Center. Checks should be made payable to "Gordon Research Conferences" with a covering letter indicating that it is for the 1991 Conference on Phagocytes. For your information the Gordon Research Conference Research Center Tax Number is 050-300-482. Support from organizations such as yours is vital for this conference to be successful. I very much appreciate your consideration of this matter.

With best wishes.

Sincerely yours,

John I. Gallin, M.D.